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nd day of April, 1981. J. P. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St Louis, Mo. My term expires April 26, 1901.

SIZE UP THE SITUATION.

One of the surest creators of panic conditions is always found in an exaggerated bull movement in stocks and other securities, which has the effect of forcing prices above a healthy and nor-

mat basis. ceptional degree. It is difficult for Wall street to inveigle lambs into a bear movement-the outsider does not quite comprehend the trick of selling to force prices down. But a bull movement is attractive and fascinating to the uninitiated-it is so delightful to feel that the price of everything is bound to advance, and that all that is necessary is to rush in and buy and so make your

fortune. While there is as yet no indication that the recent advance in stocks was unwarranted by natural conditions, it is also held by conservative investors that a very serious danger of inflation now exists. This is a danger which may materislize very rapidly into actual fact if speculation to the extent scored in other periods of excitement similar to the present. And, always, there is an element of promoters and brokers on Wall street whose business it is to head the public into just such a stampede.

PENSION INCREASES.

Reports from the Pension Bureau at Washington indicate that the tail of the Spanish-American War will be larger than the body. Already announcement is made that over 41,000 applications for pensions on account of the short war have been filed.

There is something startling in the proportion of claims filed to the number of soldiers enlisted. The total number of enlistments was 274.717. Of these only about 60,000 saw actual service in the field. Taking these figures as a basis, it appears that two-thirds of those engaged in the strife have filed claims for subsequent disabilities.

In the last nine months 2,664 pensions have been granted on account of the Spanish-American service. One-third of these were to widows. On March 31, there were 935,096 persons on the pension roll from all wars. As the number of pensions because of the Civil War remains about stationary, owing to the increased number of deaths, the additions from the last conflict have brought the total to the highest number ever recorded.

With the present liberal pension laws, there is small reason to believe that the total number of pensioners will fall much below the present figure within the next few years. What the aggregate of these additional pensions will be can only be discovered after the lapse of Tcars.

#### WHY IS THIS THUS?

Public-spirited citizens who are striving to benefit the community by regaining the old Exposition grounds for their original use as a city park, additionally beautified by a central Public Library building, are naturally puzzled to understand the Globe-Democrat's reversal of

position on this issue. They remember that but a short time ago the Globe was most pronounced in its editorial advocacy of having this property revert to the people, to be once more made into a downtown park. They read in the Globe that the old Exposition must not now be employed as a eans of money-making for the few. They remember the Globe's declaration that they should not consent to a bald ropriation by a few of what belongs to all the people of St. Louis.

consents, but is bitterly attacking those who have followed its original advice and who seek to take the old Exposition out of the hands of the few by whom it is being employed as a private means of money-making and to return it to the people for use as a park. They find the Globe-Democrat's editorial page devoted to venomous condemnation of the very thing which it approved even so recently

as April 7 last. What is the matter with the Globe-Democrat? Has Old Ananias belied even | questioned in title. itself because it fears that The Republic will receive the credit if the people of St. Louis once more come into posto know just why it is the Globe-Demeditorial policy on this important mat-

MONEY TALKS NOW.

sissippi, one of the World's Fair Commissioners appointed by President Mc-Kinley, said on his arrival in St. Louis: "How much money have the local people raised? I don't see that we can do much a rental privilege of great value. In reuntil they get that 10 per cent in and are

This expression sounds the keynote of the World's Fair situation. Nothing definite can now be done to advance the World's Fair movement until the World's Fair Company is incorporated and its officers elected. The National Commissioners are empowered only to co-operate of the capital stock of the World's Fair has been paid in.

Subscribers to the World's Fair stock should delay no longer in paying the About \$400,000 has been paid in, leaving \$100,000 still due. It is to be supposed subscriptions to the World's Fair stock. A certain proportion of subscribers are now delaying World's Fair work by their slowness in paying the assessment called by the provisional organization. The same civic pride which prompted them to subscribe in the first place should now impel them to pay the assessment in order to facilitate the organization of the World's Fair Company.

This is the situation in a nutshell. The duty of subscribers to the capital stock of the World's Fair is plain and pressing. Complete the payment of the first assessment. Make good the pledge you gave when you signed your subscription for World's Fair stock. That subscription testified to your loyalty to St. Louis. It is money that talks now.

THEY WILL UNDERSTAND.

Intelligent voters will not be fooled by the renewed outcries against the election law soon to be raised by Mr. Parker and his newspaper organs as offering the only profit possible to his forced contest for the Mayoralty.

Such citizens will remember that Mr. Parker himself gave no logical evidence There is a magnetism in the upward of a belief that Mr. Wells had been unsweep of quotations which arouses the fairly elected. He could not be persuad-

although Mr. Parker posed as a martyr, he was apparently so thoroughly convinced of the fairness of his defeat that the thought of contest refused to find

lodgment in his mind. It was only when Mr. Wells, the victorious candidate for the Mayoralty, insisted upon Mr. Parker's contesting the election that the latter, for very shame's

sake, was obliged to take such action. Even then, he went about it in an evasive and unmanly spirit. The conditions upon which he insists are such as promise to furnish material for a bunko cry of fraud, even while the result of the contest establishes Mr. Wells's right the general public plunges into bull to the Mayoralty. This is the nearest that Mr. Parker can come to making a fair contest.

> Fortunately, however, there is no promise of the Republican outcry being taken seriously. The contest will be decided in Mr. Wells's favor, because Mr. Wells was honestly elected. Mr. Parker and his newspapers will raise another great hullabaloo about the election law. But the people of St. Louis will not mind their clamor. They will contemplate with infinite satisfaction the deserved victory of Mr. Wells, and be more than content that the right has tri-

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

Practical reform goes on. The Police Board has buckled down to improvement in that branch of the city's serv-

Politics has in the past played a too important part in the business of the department. There has been too much scrambling for preferment, and by ways not conducive to harmony in a force that should work together as one man for the protection of the city. By ordering that all requests for transfers, promotions or change of position shall be directed to the Chief, the board gives evidence that the "pull". in police circles will be eliminated.

In the same line is the policy of re quiring that the merit system shall not be disregarded in the selection of patrol-

However pleasant the presentation of gifts and medals to superior officers may be to the recipient, there is no doubt that the thing is easily overdone. In a service where promotion depends in a large measure upon the recommendation of the officer next in command. the giving of presents smacks too much of currying of favor. By practically abolishing this custom, the Police Board has removed any possible chance for

favoritism to be displayed. Of equal importance are the rules by which an estimated saving of \$50,000 will be made in two departments of the the city, those of street sprinkling and sanitary inspection. Under a Republican regime, the employment of inspectors for these two branches of the municipal government has been a source of party favoritism and a useless burden on the

public revenues. Co-operation between the police and the other city departments seems at least to be an accomplished fact. There is reason to believe that patrolmen, visiting every block of the city several times a And they are not consenting to this keeping the streets and alleys sprinkled street the plaintive bleating of lambs is and clean than has ever been possible inevitable.

After the bellowing of bulls in Wall never knew where he would be off to man. I've nobody to help me, Uncle street the plaintive bleating of lambs is and clean than has ever been possible inevitable. sals appropriation—it is the Globe-Dem- and clean than has ever been possible inevitable.

nings of the reform administration.

WHO ARE TO PAY?

In reversing its opinion on a library site the Globe-Democrat has no doubt taken into consideration the means of securing another location. It gave evidence yesterday of having thought of this element of the situation when it said that Mr. Carnegie will not furnish the money to put up a library building on any site not absolutely clear and un-

Where is the site and who will furnish the money? In the case of Missouri Park there is no difficulty. The land besession of the Exposition property? Does longs by unquestioned title to the city it elect to appear as an ally of St. Louis's for park purposes. A library building in enemies solely because The Republic is the center would be strictly within the St. Louis's friend? The people would like rights of the city. Occupation of that spot in the center of the park would cost ocrat has so astonishingly reversed its | nothing to either the Library Board or the taxpayers.

But a location elsewhere would cost a large sum of money. It is incumbent upon the private owners of the Exposi-Ex-Congressman John M. Allen of Mis- tion and their supporters to point out a way of raising the amount. They are the only persons who are to make money out of the plan. If they succeed in monopolizing Missouri Park they will own turn they should provide a location for the library building. At least they should show how a location can be provided without imposing a severe burden of contribution upon citizens of public spirit, or diminishing by a vast sum the resources of the Library.

The Republic and the other friends of the Public Library would be glad to with the local organization. There can know that Mr. Atkinson and his colbe no local organization until 10 per cent | leagues have arranged the means of buying a library site. Missouri Park is the best place, but there are others which will answer the purpose if the necessary money is forthcoming. Let us hear from first assessment on their subscriptions. the gentlemen whose duty it is to provide this money.

The Globe-Democrat must admit that, that civic pride led to the making of when a private business occupies for its Boyd, begins a six days' period of persuaprofit public property needed badly for sion among the Chicago Aldermen who conpublic uses, the managers ought to supply the means for satisfying in another way the public needs. The Globe-Democrat surely would not advise its clients to hold the public property and let other citizens take from their pockets the money for the public uses. It cannot decently advise that a half million dollars be withdrawn from the maintenance resources of the Public Library.

Where is the site and who are to pay the purchase price?

An American syndicate has secured the privilege of running a passenger boat line from Khartoum to South Soudan. Not the least remarkable feature of the announcement is that J. P. Morgan's name is not mentioned as the originator of the scheme.

Walter Wellman, who will take another try at the North Pole, has enough the Arctic Circle.

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gle lambs into a hear

The stage management of the production is that alarming extent, will be sweetest below.

The stage management of the production is finances, the reports from France, where Government receipts have fallen to an alarming extent, will be sweetest below.

The stage management of the production is now to dwell upon the morality of this searching temperamental study—one would alarming extent. Will be sweetest below.

> If it is for the best interests of the city to own the garbage works, nothing will stand in the way of St. Louis securing them. The chances for stumbling blocks are not so good these days.

In revoking Mayor Ziegenhein's permits, Mayor Wells has done the creditable thing. Very few things that Ziegenheln permitted are worth the while in the new St. Louis.

In the lamentable ignorance of Old Ananias concerning spring wheat may be seen the evidence that the confines of its knowledge are coincident with the city limits.

Missouri started late in getting repre

sentation at the Buffalo Exposition, but

the speed with which the exhibits are being placed in position is creditable to the State. Pat Sheedy as the prize go-between is certainly a wonder. Perhaps Mr. Cuda-

hy might get into communication with Pat Crowe through the Man-of-his-Word. Aguinaldo is reported to have said

that he was "at the disposition of the authorities." Does that mean that he is in the hands of his friends?

Doctor Joseph Muir, the American diplomat who lost \$10,000 at poker, is not from Missouri. Politicians of this State have cut their eye-teeth.

Money and time are no object to Mr. Parker-that is, the money and time which others may see fit to spend in a contest on his behalf.

Evidently Mr. Parker is the sort of "leader" who remains in the rear and urges others to take his place on a forlorn-hope firing line.

Although the East has called some mighty fine men from St. Louis, there are still left behind many who "are just

Maybe the Globe-Democrat can utilize the old Exposition for a display of its slugging capacity for "knocking out" St.

Doctor Sargent of New York in blaming our ancestors for our brutality should remember that most of them are

Mr. Parker's "nuts for the boys" consist of the privilege of footing the bills for an election contest in his interest. In placing a tax on glucose, molasse

and sugar, England evidently thinks that the sweets of war come high. With the Police Board falling into the good habits of Mayor Wells, St. Louis

When paying up bills, the 10 per cent due on your World's Fair subscription should come first.

has indeed a pleasant outlook.

Jingo Joe Chamberlain should go on the dime-museum circuit as England's \$750,000,000 beauty.

## ocrat itself which is consenting. What heretofore. The action of the Police is more astonishing, the Globe not only Board is one of the many happy begin-INTERVIEWS THE ALDERMEN.

Mrs. Kate Mitts Boyd Devotes This Week to the City Law makers Who Own Saloons.



MRS. KATE MITTS-BOYD,

RETUBLIC SPECIAL.

she says, "and that is that we are not antiChicago, Ill., April 22.—This week Chicago's "pretty crusader," Mrs. Kate Mills anything the city ordinances license. There duct saloons. She will not urge them to pledge; all she will ask is that they cease

vided by ordinance for their closing and ing attorney, but she answered never Mrs. Boyd is perhaps the strangest cru-sader who ever gained fame in that field. She is not violent. She does not carry a

total abstinence. "There is one thing we want understood,"

MRS. LESLIE CARTER'S

purely artistic viewpoint.

ter's sympathetic work.

ment. Her comedy in the opening act is also more delicate and incisive. So balanced, "ZAZA" HAS GAINED IN MERIT. indeed, is the study of "Zaza" as now made by this actress that a final verdict may safely be rendered. Mrs. Carter is attaining

Mrs. Leslie Carter, in David Belasco's play, "Zaza," after a very notable London success, returned to St. Louis and opened a week's engagement at the Olympic last night to a large audience.

This steadily growing player is to be congratulated upon an advance in her art,

"Camille"; everybodys knows exactly what to expect of either. All that is incumbent in

treating of "Zaza" is to consider it from the In such a judgment a very high rank must now be accorded to Mrs. Carter as an emo-tional actress. She has reached the soul of the woman whose typical life she essays to present truthfully, and, as a result, it is not large audience attended the opening Mrs. Leslie Carter, but Zaza, the playthins performance of Mrs. Leslie Carter's "Zaza" of circumstances, whom we behold. Belas-co's analysis is a vividiy keen piece of portraiture. It is made more so by Mrs. Car-

More than ever, I noticed last night, does feature was the large number of strangers the story of this luckless woman seem to appeal to women-so strongly, in fact, that Two United States Senators and one exit is to be equalled only by that other play Congressman, all of different States, and one of whom is a member of the World's of which I have spoken, the "Camille" of the younger Dumas. It is in this respect Fair Commission, were seen in the authat both differ from such a character, for dience. They were Senators Carter of Mon instance, as "Sappho," which gives but the tana and Thurston of Nebraska, and exharder side of the same type. In "Zaza," with all the tawdriness of its beginning, Representative John Allen of Mississippi. there is at times a very poignant tenderwas in attendance, conspicuous among whom was Emil Cramer, accompanied by ness, a genuine sentiment in a passion not ordinarily creative of sentiment. This is made evident in the honesty of her love Miss Gertie Martin. Frank de Hass Robison was in a box, with a party of ladies, for Dufresne, in the master touch of her and Robert Markham was seen in the refraining from revenging herself upon him through consideration for the little daughter who looks like him and in her final re-

Eugene Cuendet and his young wife, formerly Miss Rachel Drummond, were also in attendance in the parquet. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Jr., with

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunt Turner occupied a J. C. Chesborough, accompanied by Mrs.

Chesborough and friends, sat in a box. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cuendet occupied seats in the parquet, close to Mr. and Mrs. fresne's home in Paris, sees his wife, talks with his child, learning the full extent of H. McCormick. Doctor B. S. Simpson and Miss Teckla her own helplessness to hold him as she had hoped to do. In this scene Mrs. Carter betrays a capacity for tenderness which

is plenty which has no right to exist, and it will keep us busy.

Mrs. Boyd has had two saloonkeepers tried duct saloons. She will not urge them to close their places of business and take the A Justice court was the scene of each trial. In neither case did she secure a conviction infractions of the law; that they run their At one trial she was the victim of a bitter places with due regard for the rules pro- personal attack at the hands of the oppos-

sader who ever gained fame in that field. She is not violent. She does not carry a hatchet. She does not denounce people. She does not talk loudly. She does not preach total abstinence. Mrs. Boyd was deserted by her husban

was not so apparent in her original present

greatness in her line. The supporting company is practically the same as in the first St. Louis engagement. Mr. Charles A. Stevenson's Dufresne is a correct and vigorous piece of work. Mark Smith's Cascart is a faithful and most amusing portrayal. The Duc de Brissac of Mr. Harold Howard, Marie Bate's low-comgratulated upon an advance in her art, which was especially apparent to those of make a fine start. But good wishes, unfortunately, are not food and raiment in the Arctic Circle.

As relieving the pent-up feelings of a relieving the pent-up feeli rest of the large cast to omit the state ment that it was exceptionally adequate

> most interesting thing—the development of an actress whose native ability is now being re-enforced by a finish which comes only from devotion and the hardest of hard

First-Nighters See "Zara." Considering the unpleasant weather,

in what is announced to be her farewell visit to this city. Many well-known faces of those accustomed to attend Monday evenings were seen in the audience, but the

A large delegation from the South Side

a party of friends, occupied a box Monday

evening at the Olympic.

### SEDALIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH SEEKS PASTOR IN ST. LOUIS.

Names of the Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell and the Reverend Frank O. Fannon Are Under Consideration and Effort Will Be Made to Secure One of Them.

Efforts are being made by First Christian Church of Sedalia, Mo., one of the largest congregations of Disciples in Missouri, to obtain a paster in St. Louis to succeed the Reverend Melville Putnam, who recently resigned the charge.

The Reverend Frank G. Tyrrell, paster of Mount Cabanne Christian Church, and the Reverend Frank O. Fannon, paster of First Christian Church, are the St. Louis min isters who are considered for the place. Both are young men, both have been very successful in their work and both are greatly beloved by their respective congregations.

Leon Coleman, a member of the Sedalia church, was in St. Louis Sunday and confirmed the report that he and his fellowmembers were trying to get Mr. Tyrrell or Mr. Fannon. It seems that a proposition has been made to Mr. Tyrrell, and that if he refuses pressure will be brought to bear on Mr Fannon, although he is by no means a second choice, the Sedalia congregation being inclined to look upon either as most

The Sedalia congregation occupies a modern edifice, the most pretentious in the town, and is equipped with a costly pipe organ of large dimensions. It is a favorite meeting place for State conventions, having been the scene of the Christian Endeavor Convention in 1896.

Mr. Tyrrell formerly was pastor of Cen-tral Christian Church in this city. In 1899 he went to Chicago, being pastor of a church there and also editor of the Christian Century, a religious weekly newspaper. In December he returned to St. Louis to assume the pastorate of Mount Cabanne at the First Church. Both he and Mr. Tyr-christlan Church. Christian Church.

Mr. Fannon came to St. Louis from Iowa

rell have reputations as entertaining and forceful pulpit speakers. Both are married.



#### GRANDCHILDREN ACT AS BRIDESMAID AND BEST MAN.

Doctor and Mrs. Charles Tuckett Celebrate Golden Wedding and Are Remarried at the Home

of Their Son.



DOCTOR AND MRS. CHARLES TUCKETT, Who celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding Monday.

Doctor and Mrs. Charles Tuckett of No. | the oldest devotee of the exercise in St. Louis. He makes long excursions into the country on fishing and hunting trips on his 563 North Market street celebrated the fifieth anniversary of their wedding Monday evening at the home of their eldest son, Mr. Joseph Tuckett of No. 4637 Margaretta avenue. Nine of the venerable couple's sons and a number of friends witnessed the cere-mony of remarriage, which was performed by the Reverend Thomas Grimshaw. Two grandchildren acted as bridesmaid and roomsman, respectively, and several other of Mr. Tuckett's granddaughters were flow

In the afternoon and early part of the evening Mr. Tuckett entertained his family and guests by his performances on the piano and violin, which instruments he plays with great skill. Despite the advanced ages of Doctor and Mrs. Tuckett, both are still trong and active. Neither has been sick for fifty years. Doctor Tuckett is 75 and his wife 73 years old. He is an enthusiastic bleyelist and claims the distinction of being Tuckett.

Doctor Tuckett was born in London, England, in 1826, and came with his parents to St. Louis in 1836. For many years he lived in the neighborhood of what is now Tenth Mary Anne Pugh, his present wife, in 1851. she, too, is a native of England.

Doctor Tuckett was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department in its early days and was at the historic fire of May, 1849, in which John B. Targee lost his life. He entered the Union Army at the first call for volunteers, in 1865, and after serving three months returned to St. Louis. In 1867 he again enlisted and took part in the cantpaign against the Sloux and Crow Indians in

Doctor Tuckett was in business until a few years ago, when he retired, leaving his affairs in the hands of his son. Joseph

seats near Thomas McDearmon and Mrs. McDearmon James McCluney and N. Link were together in the parquet.
Frank DeHaas Robison and a party of

ladies occupied a stage box.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chauvenet, Albert C. Wegman and Harry Jones, Albert Nichols and C. R. Crenshaw of Joplin occupied seats in the par-

Commissioner Martin Takes Hold. EPUBLIC SPECIAL Jefferson City, Mo., April 22.-T. J. Martin, special License Commissioner, filed the required bond of the Commissioner Monday nd took charge of the office. of the bond was \$25,000. The headquarters of the Commissioner's office, under the law, are required to be at the Capitol, and quarters will be provided in the Capitol

# THE HEIR OF BLOOMING BILL.

A Love Story by Esther Hamilton.

to desperate measures!" The speaker was a girl of extraordinary beauty, but the expression of that child-like face was at this moment almost tragic, and the blue eyes dilated with a look that betokened at once, an-

nunciation. It is such touches as these, it

seems to me, along with an occasional

numorous sidelight upon feminine moods of

undentable enjoymers of "Zaza" by women.

The climax of the story, the quarrel and

geparation of Zaza and Dufresne, is still,

and inevitably, the strongest scene. The mere notable now, however, I think, is that

of the third act, wherein Zaza invades Du-

betrays a capacity for tenderness which

the lighter sort, which makes so keen the

ger, dismay and fear. "Well, Connie," said her elder sister, not unkindly, but rather as though she was reasoning with a spoilt child, "of course, I know that you don't want to of eyes under the bushy brows. "I am marry Sir Andrew, and that you do want to marry Leonard Carrington; but | Perhaps you are on the wrong floor." after all, what we want at 19 isn't a matter of such importance as you fancy

"If Uncle Jim took up my case." said Connie, "you would soon see what would take my side. They are all against me. happen. Lady Vanstone cogitated the matter

thoughtfully, her eyes fixed on Connie's lovely face.
"Well, child," she said, at last, "I'm not sure but what you might make a worse move. It seemed a desperate measure when you first speke of it; but, perhaps, there is a reasonable hope that omething might come of it. It would certainly be a great thing to be taken

up by Uncle Jim. And when are you go "To-day: directly after lunch." It was in a great palace of a hotel where Connie's uncle had taken up his quarters. He could not be bothered with

"I don't care if it is! I am a desperate to the young lady who had arrived in woman, and desperate people are driven | the coroneted carriage and asked for Mr. Drummond.

Connie's heart was beating almost to suffocation as she stood at length before the door that had been indicated to her as the one of Mr. Drummond's sitting-room; and when she heard a gruff They just called him Blooming Bill, and voice shout out "Come in!" she felt

much more disposed to run away. "I think you have made a mistake, young lady," spoke the big voice; and a gleam of fun twinkled in the caverns No. 310 to 312. What room do you want?

"No. I came here on purpose." swered Connie, trying to steady her voice. "I am your niece, Uncle Jim, I am very unhappy. I have got nobody to and I think I shall dle if I can't get somebody to be my friend. It came to me in the middle of the night that I had an Uncle Jim; and now I've come to you. If you can't help me nobody can!" and the tears started to Connie's eyes, whilst her sensitive lips began to

quiver. "Bless me, child. Sit down there and tell me all about it; and we'll see what

can be done." "It doesn't sound much to tell," said Connie; "but it's just everything to me. I met Leonard last autumn at a country house. We were so happy; and father seemed friendly, too. Now he wants me to marry a horrid baronet, Sir Andrew house and servants, he had said; and Fox. I hate him. I think he's a horrid

rolled over.

"There, there, my dear; don't cry about it. We'll see what can be done. I've heard of this Fox fellow, and I don't think much of him. Who's the other? Whe's Leonard? Tell me all you

know of him." "His name is Leonard Carrington. He's had rather a sad history in some ways. He doesn't know about his father, who went off to Africa to make his fortune, and never came back. They think he must be dead now. He had dropped his name, and in the mining camp he said he hadn't got a real name.

that was all-" Connie stopped short, for her uncle had bounded to his feet. "Can you give me young Carrington's address?" asked the uncle, whose face was working oddly, as though his mind was in some indescribable ferment. When he had obtained this information he thought a moment, and then said

kindly: "Now, go home, little niece, and don't say a word about this visit. I'll help you out of this hobble. You just wait and

Three days later there was great excitement in the Drummond household. Uncle Jim was coming to dinner. He was going to bring somebody with him. Connie's heart beat so fast that she thought it better not to talk. She only promised with unwonted meekness to make herself look "nice."

She was more than nice; she was exquisitely lovely, in her flowing white draperies, as she stood in the lamp light waiting for the half-expected announcement of the butler. "Mr. James Drummond-Mr. Carring-

Uncle Jim kissed her and she heard his big laugh as he introduced Leonard afresh, as the son of an old African chum of his. But she was too building, and the porter showed respect for a girl to make a fight alone with happy, too bewildered, too excited, to come of it."

everybody against her." And again the take anything in save the fact that bright tear drops welled up and nearly | Leonard was there, and that her friends were smiling instead of scowling upon her now.

"Most extraordinary thing, Tom," said the traveler, when the ladies had left the room. "One of those strange coincidences one reads of in fiction. Poor Carrington and I shared a claim and worked for years together, but he never told me his name. He died, poor fellow, and when I opened his papers, why they were nothing but soft pulp. They fell to pieces at the touch. He must have got them wet without knowing it, and there was I with his money and no way of finding out to whom to hand it over. When I cleared out at last and looked into things I found I had between \$60,-000 and \$70,000 to band over to Blooming Bill's unknown son. But how on earth I was to set about the task I didn's

"Well, I just put the money out at interest and bided my time. I won't tell you what I did do, because nothing came of my abortive endeavors. Then when I was about thinking the whole show would have to go to government to be dealt with, what happens but that little girl of yours comes to Uncle Jim to be helped out of a difficulty, and puts the clew slick into my hands. She can produce the man who can produce the letters I used to see poor Carrington write, and who tells his wife and boy in them how he is only known in the mining camp as "Blooming Bill." If that's not evidence enough for lawyers it's good enough for me. And I've taken a fancy to that girl of yours, and if you'll give her to Carrington, who'll keep her a good Tory all her life, why, she shan's be married without a bit of a dowry. from her old uncle, and may look for

something more when he goes." "Oh, Uncle Jim, you are a real dar ling," whispered Connie, as she kissed him farewell, "It seemed such a desperate measure to throw myself on protection; but just to think what